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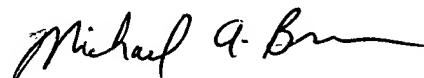
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Supplemental Examiner's Answer

Appellant argues that Buese does not disclose whether the coloring agent is applied while to the fabric is the soft "state". However, when the coloring agent is applied is a method steps that was not given weight in the article claims. Appellant argues that there is no date provided to determine when two dyes were incorporated into Ace bandages. However, as was set forth in the final rejection, Ace Bandages are old and well known in the bandages art. Ace Bandages have always had a dye impregnated into them. However, "Ace" is also impregnated into the bandage to indicate the type of bandage. The Gasper Reference points out that the bandages used is an "Ace" bandage.

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